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Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to OMB for Review and Approval; Comment Request; NESHAP for Mercury Cell Chlor-Alkali Plants (Renewal)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.), this document announces that an Information Collection Request (ICR) has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. This is a request to renew an existing approved collection. The ICR which is abstracted below describes the nature of the collection and the estimated burden and cost.

DATES: Additional comments may be submitted on or before [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, referencing docket ID number EPA-HQ-OECA-2012-0691, to: (1) EPA online, using www.regulations.gov (our preferred method), or by email to: docket.oeca@epa.gov, or by mail to: EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC), Environmental Protection Agency, Enforcement and Compliance Docket and Information Center, mail code 28221T, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20460; and (2) OMB at: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Attention: Desk Officer for EPA, 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Learia Williams, Monitoring, Assistance, and Media Programs Division, Office of Compliance, Mail Code 2227A, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20460; telephone

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: EPA has submitted the following ICR to OMB for review and approval according to the procedures prescribed in 5 CFR 1320.12. On October 17, 2012 (77 FR 63813), EPA sought comments on this ICR pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.8(d). EPA received no comments. Any additional comments on this ICR should be submitted to both EPA and OMB within 30 days of this notice.

EPA has established a public docket for this ICR under docket ID number EPA-HQ-OECA-2012-0691, which is available for either public viewing online at <http://www.regulations.gov>, or in person viewing at the Enforcement and Compliance Docket in the EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC), EPA West, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC. The EPA Docket Center Public Reading Room is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Reading Room is (202) 566-1744, and the telephone number for the Enforcement and Compliance Docket is (202) 566-1752.

Use EPA's electronic docket and comment system at <http://www.regulations.gov> to either submit or view public comments, access the index listing of the contents of the docket, and to access those documents in the docket that are available electronically. Once in the system, select "docket search," then key in the docket ID number identified above. Please note that EPA's policy is that public comments, whether submitted electronically or in paper, will be made available for public viewing at <http://www.regulations.gov> as EPA receives them and without change, unless the comment contains copyrighted material, Confidentiality of Business

Information (CBI), or other information whose public disclosure is restricted by statute.

For further information about the electronic docket, go to www.regulations.gov.

Title: NESHAP for Mercury Cell Chlor-Alkali Plants (Renewal)

ICR Numbers: EPA ICR Number 2046.07, OMB Control Number 2060-0542

ICR Status: This ICR is scheduled to expire on May 31, 2013. Under OMB regulations, the Agency may continue to either conduct or sponsor the collection of information while this submission is pending at OMB.

Abstract: The affected entities are subject to the General Provisions of the NESHAP at 40 CFR part 63, subpart A, and any changes, or additions to the Provisions specified at 40 CFR part 63, subpart IIII.

Owners or operators of the affected facilities must submit an initial notification report, performance tests, and periodic reports and results. Owners or operators are also required to maintain records of the occurrence and duration of any startup, shutdown, or malfunction in the operation of an affected facility, or any period during which the monitoring system is inoperative. Reports are required semi-annually at a minimum.

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 921 hours per response. “Burden” means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously-

applicable instructions and requirements which have subsequently changed; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; search data sources; complete and review the collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

Respondents/Affected Entities: Owners or operators of mercury cell chlor-alkali plants.

Estimated Number of Respondents: Two.

Frequency of Response: Initially, daily, monthly, quarterly, and semiannually.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 3,682.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$372,952, which includes \$356,552 in labor costs, no capital/startup costs, and \$16,400 in operation and maintenance (O&M) costs.

Changes in the Estimates: There is an adjustment decrease in the total estimated burden as currently identified in the OMB Inventory of Approved Burdens. The decrease in labor hours and costs is due to fewer sources being subject to the standards, and is not due to any program changes. The previous ICR estimated that nine mercury cell chlor-alkali facilities were subject to the NESHAP. In 2010, EPA conducted an industry analysis in support of a proposed rule revision, which indicated that there has been a decrease in the respondent universe, and that only four facilities were subject to the rule at the time. In consulting with the Chlorine Institute for this current ICR, it was found that only two facilities are in operation in 2013 due to recent plant closures. Therefore, the total number of sources was decreased from nine to two. The decrease in the number of sources also results in a decrease in the total O&M costs.

Respondent and Agency burden calculations presented in the previous ICR estimated individual technical, managerial, and clerical labor hours separately for each burden item. To make the calculation methodology consistent with other ICRs, we have revised the burden

tables to show estimates of technical labor hour per occurrence for each burden activity. Managerial and clerical labor hours for each burden item are assumed to account for an additional 5 and 10 percent, respectively, of estimated technical labor hours.

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